



Later Noah sent off a dove. It flew away but came back again. Noah waited a week and sent the dove off again. This time, it came back with a twig in its beak. "That means there is dry land and things are growing again," said Noah.

After another week, he sent off the dove again but, this time, it didn't come back. Noah lifted off a cover on the ark and looked out. At last, he could see land. Noah opened the door of the ark, and everyone rushed out. The land was dry and the sun was shining.

"Spread out all over the Earth and have your families," God said to Noah and to all the creatures.

Noah looked up and thanked God for saving them from the terrible flood. In the sky was a rainbow.

"That is my sign," said God.

"I promise I will never flood the whole Earth again."



Abraham and Sarah

Abraham was a rich man who lived in the city of Haran with his wife Sarah. They were both old and, to their great sadness, had never had any children.

One day, God said to Abraham, "I want you to go to the land of Canaan. There I will make you the father of a great nation."

Abraham didn't understand what God meant, but he always did what God told him to do. Soon he started out for Canaan with Sarah, his nephew Lot and his wife, and all his servants and his herds of sheep and goats. It was a very long journey but, at last, they reached the new land and put up their tents.

At first there was plenty of grass and water for Abraham's herds of sheep and goats and for Lot's herds as well. But, as the years passed, the herds grew bigger and bigger and there wasn't enough food for them all.